

Debbie's rescue skills and outgoing personality have made her a hit with the other members of the squad, so much so that they elected her Squad Captain before she'd even completed her six months' probation period.

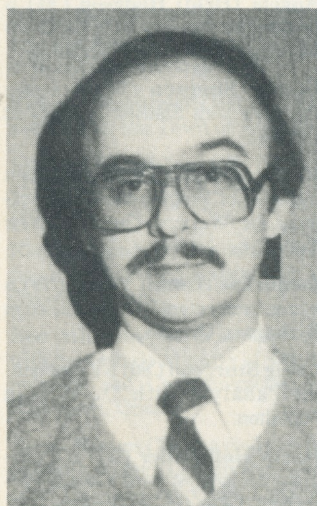
While she admits to occasional bouts of homesickness, Debbie says she loves the South.

"The pace is so much slower here," she said, "and the people are very friendly."

When interviewed last month, the weather here was sunny and cold; in Millbrook, Alabama that day it was sunny with temperatures in the mid-Sixties.

Asked if she ever misses the snow and cold and the traditional Canadian Christmas, she replied: "Yes — but not for long!"

John Augstman



Going to work each day is a "blast" for John Augstman (Mechanical Engineering Technology '76).

As a blast furnace mechanical technologist at Dofasco, John spends much of his time on the job inspecting his increasingly prosperous employer's blast furnaces and working with contractors who do the relining of the furnaces.

In addition, he is responsible for administering the relining contracts and inspecting the work when it is done. He also is involved in setting up and monitoring safety procedures for the men who work around the furnaces.

At the moment, John's duties have been expanded to include an analysis of his department with a view to making it more productive.

Ironically, he says, the company has reached its production capacity and soon will be going to a production quota system for its customers.

John has worked at Dofasco for seven years full-time, having landed the full-time job after three consecutive co-op work terms there while studying at Mohawk.

Because he enjoys his work so much, John has a deep interest in improving the standing of technicians and technologists

in the engineering hierarchy in Ontario. Thus, through his brother-in-law, he became involved with the Hamilton Chapter of the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT).

In 1980, he joined the Association which represents 15,000 technicians and technologists in Ontario. The next year, he was elected to the presidency of OACETT's Hamilton Chapter, a position he still holds.

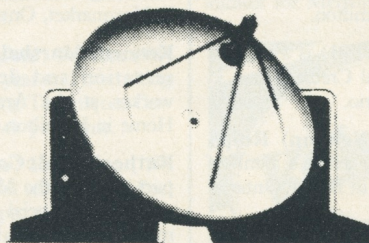
As Hamilton Chapter president, he is involved with OACETT's efforts to gain professional standing for its members through changes to Ontario's Engineering Act, a change that it opposed by the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario (APEO).

The amendments to the Engineering Act have received first reading in the Ontario Legislature and are now before a Legislature committee for detailed study by M.P.P.s.

When he's not inspecting a blast furnace or keeping an eye on the progress of the Engineering Act amendments through the Legislature, John likes to work with his hands at auto mechanics or woodworking.

He's also a devoted Star Trek "Trekkie" and even attended a "Trekkie" convention in Toronto in 1976.

He and his wife of two years, Olga, reside on the West-Central Mountain in Hamilton.



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